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Cumming, GA – The work plan to gather data for to develop the widening of Highway 400 has changed. Georgia Department of Transportation announces work begin Monday night not Sunday. One lane of Highway 400 will close overnight as samples are gathered from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. next week as weather permits.

Monday night, the left lane and shoulder Highway 400 north will be closed at the Big Creek Bridge. Tuesday night the left lane and shoulder of Highway 400 south at the Big Creek Bridge will close. Wednesday night work will occur in the median, no lane closures are needed. Thursday night crews will begin by closing the left lane and shoulder Highway 400 north at the Sawnee Creek Bridge. As northbound work finishes around midnight, the work will move to Highway 400 south closing the left lane and shoulder at Sawnee Creek.

The samples are required as part of to design the new, wider roadway and bridges. The project will add an additional lane on Highway 400 from McFarland Road to Highway 369. The 13.4 mile long, \$47.4 million construction cost is primarily funded through the 2014 Forsyth Transportation Bond.

“Forsyth County’s Leadership stepped up to the plate last year deciding to take control of their future mobility through a transportation bond. The People of Forsyth are purposefully investing in their own infrastructure. An integral part of Forsyth’s mobility is Highway 400. The widening of 400 from McFarland to Highway 369 is being designed now and construction is expected to begin later this year,” exclaimed Rudy Bowen, Georgia DOT Board Member representing the 7th Congressional District.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit www.dot.ga.gov or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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